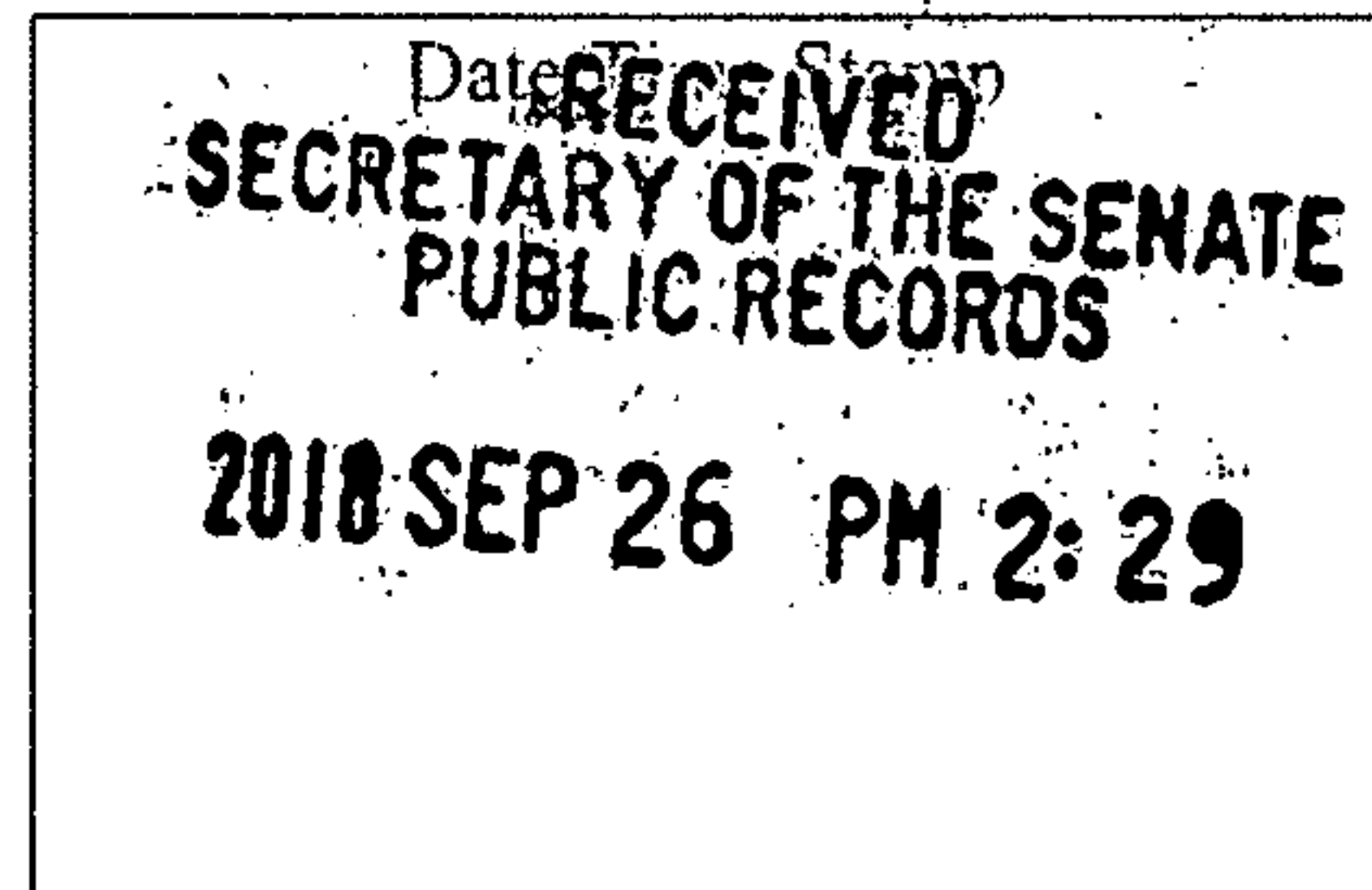


# COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION



**Instructions:** Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the **Office of Public Records** in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. **Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.**

**SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING**

Name of Traveler: Mark Isakowitz

Employing Office/Committee: Sen. Rob Portman

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Date(s): 6/30/18 - 7/8/18

Description/Title of Attached Forms: 1) Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form & Attachments  
2) Final Itinerary

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): \_\_\_\_\_

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(Revised 4/19/2010)

9/25/18  
(Date)

Mark Isakowitz  
(Signature of Traveler)

## Senate Invitees

1. Daniel Brandt, Chief of Staff, Sen. Patrick Toomey (R-PA)
2. Mark Isakowitz, Chief of Staff, Sen. Robert Portman (R-OH)

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
Senior Congressional Staff  
June 30 – July 8, 2018**

**Addendum**

**2. Description of the Trip**

This seminar, which will be on the ground in Israel for seven days, is specifically designed to explore foreign policy and defense issues related to the U.S.-Israel relationship. Some of the key issues to be addressed include: Iran's continued malign regional activities; the impact of Syrian civil war along Israel's northern border; the internal political situations of both Israel and the Palestinian Authority, the status of the peace process; and the expanded cooperation between the U.S. and Israel in fighting terrorism and proliferation.

The seminar will consist of discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, Members of the Knesset, Palestinian representatives and U.S. officials, as well as site surveys of the northern border with Lebanon and Syria, the southern border with the Gaza Strip, and the security fence. The seminar also aims to provide the political, historic, and religious context to the current conflicts and issues facing Israel and the region. It will explore the connection the three monotheistic religions have with the land and the influence this connection has on today's struggles. In addition to formal meetings and briefings, the trip provides experiential opportunities to help better understand the geographical complications, the security implications, and the historic root causes of the current conflicts.

**14. Sponsoring Congressional Trips**

Founded in 1990, the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) funds Israel Seminars for members of Congress, Capitol Hill staffers, students, political consultants, as well as religiously motivated pro-Israel Christian, Latino, African American, Progressive, and Veteran leaders. These trips to Israel are among the most critical programs AIEF supports on behalf of the U.S.-Israel relationship. These educational seminars allow policy makers to understand the complex historical, religious and geographic context of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Participants have the opportunity to meet with Israeli government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, U.S. government officials, Palestinian Authority officials and leading academics and journalists. For many of the participants, who make important decisions impacting Israel and the Middle East, these trips are their first, and sometimes, only exposure to the country.

**15. Other Educational Activities**

AIEF grants support innovative and award-winning programming that educates a wide array of participants, including college students, members of Congress and their staff, and political professionals.



## **16. Other Expenses**

**Security: \$1,000 per person**

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

**Speaker Fees: \$647.06 per person**

-Honoraria for guest speakers

**Tour Guide: \$264.71 per person**

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

**Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$194.12 per person**

**Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$188.24 per person**

**Room Rentals: \$176.47 per person**

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

**Entrance Fees: \$52.94 per person**

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

**Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$35.29 per person**

**Photography: \$29.41 per person**

-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

**Other: \$29.41 per person**

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

**Tips: 6.76 per person**

-Tips for hotel staff

## **21. Per Diem**

The three hotel rates are below the international per diems for Israel. The estimate for meal expenses will be below or at per diem, and includes the cost for meals, snacks, and water on the bus. It does not include alcohol, as we do not pay for alcohol per Senate ethics rules.

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
Senior Congressional Staff  
June 30 – July 8, 2018**

**Final Itinerary**

**Saturday, June 30, 2018**

5:04 PM	Depart Dayton, OH (J.D. Grom only)
5:20 PM	Depart Union Station
7:00 PM	Arrive Newark (J.D. Grom only)
8:25 PM	Arrive Newark
10:50 PM	Depart Newark

**Sunday, July 1, 2018**

5:05 PM	Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport
5:05-6:30 PM	Transfer to Jerusalem
6:30 PM	Check-in to The Orient Hotel
6:45 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30-8:00 PM	<i>Setting the Stage</i> Orientation with Cameron Brown, Director of AIEF Israel - at Touro
8:00-9:45 PM	<i>State of the Nation</i> Dinner with David Horovitz Editor, <i>Times of Israel</i> - at Touro
9:45-10:30 PM	<i>Shalom Jerusalem</i> Introduction to the History of the City Brief walking survey
10:30 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel

**Monday, July 2, 2018**

7:30 AM	Breakfast is served - at the hotel
8:00-9:00 AM	<i>Israeli Palestinian Negotiations – An Update</i> Breakfast with Dr. Tal Becker Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - at the hotel
9:00 AM	Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem
9:15 AM-12:45 PM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I: The Historic and Holy Basin</i> Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
12:45 PM	Depart
1:45-2:45 PM	<i>Israel's Political Map</i> Lunch with Dr. Cameron Brown Director, AIEF Jerusalem
3:00 PM	Depart for the Knesset
3:30 PM	Security check
4:00-4:45 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Stav Shaffir Member of Knesset, Zionist Union Party -at the Knesset
5:00-5:30 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Naftali Bennett Minister of Education and Diaspora Affairs, Leader, The Jewish Home Party - at the Knesset
6:00-7:15 PM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I: The Historic and Holy Basin</i> Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00-10:00 PM	Dinner - at Tali's Atelier
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel

**Tuesday, July 3, 2018**

7:30 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel
8:30 AM	Depart for Yad Vashem
9:00-11:00 AM	<i>Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust</i> Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum
11:00 AM	Depart for the American Colony Hotel
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	<i>A View from the Palestinian Authority</i> Lunch with Dr. Saeb Erekat Palestinian Peace Coalition/Geneva Initiative, Palestinian Authority - at the American Colony Hotel
1:00 PM	Depart
1:30-2:30 PM	<i>A View from the Prime Minister's Office</i> Meeting with David Keyes International Media Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister - at the Crowne Plaza Jerusalem Hotel
2:30 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
4:00-5:00 PM	<i>Why a Jewish State?</i> Meeting with Dr. Einat Wilf Senior Research Fellow, The Jewish People Policy Institute (JPPI) Former Member of Knesset -at the Sheraton Tel Aviv hotel
5:00 PM	Check-in to the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00-10:00 PM	<i>Tikkun Olam- Repairing the World</i> Dinner with <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Naty Barak, Netafim</li><li>▪ Hagit Krakov, Israid</li><li>▪ Dr. Ofer Merin, Emergency Response from Haiti to Syria</li><li>▪ Sivan Ya'ari, Innovation Africa</li></ul> - at Quattro
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel



**Wednesday, July 4, 2018**

7:45 AM	Breakfast is served - at the hotel
8:00-9:15 AM	<i>Regional Strategic Threats</i> Meeting with Brig. Gen. (res) Nitzan Nuriel Immediate Past Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office - at the hotel
9:15 AM	Depart
10:00-11:30 AM	Visit to Palmachim Air Force Base -Palmachim
11:30 AM	Depart
12:30-2:00 PM	<i>How Israeli Armament Innovations Defend the U.S.</i> Lunch with Ari Sacher Former Iron Dome Systems Project Manager, Rafael Advanced Defense Systems -at Deca
2:00 PM	Depart
2:30-4:00 PM	<i>Save a Child's Heart</i> Meet with Dr. Zion Houry and Visit the Recovery Home - at Wolfson Medical Center
4:00 PM	Depart
4:45-5:30 PM	<i>Life Under the Threat of Rocket Fire</i> Meeting with Chen Abrahams Local Resident, Kibbutz Kfar Aza -at the Sheraton Tel Aviv hotel
5:45-6:45 PM	Strategic Overview: Syrian Civil War Meeting with Dr. Jonathan Spyer Fellow, Middle East Forum Middle East Analyst and Correspondent -at the Sheraton Tel Aviv hotel
6:45 PM	Depart hotel



7:00-7:30 PM	<i>360° Bird's Eye View</i> Briefing from the Azrieli Tower Rooftop
7:30 PM	Depart for Dinner
8:00-10:00 PM	<i>The Israeli Mosaic</i> Dinner with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Professor Dov Chernichovsky, Israel's Health Care System</li> <li>▪ Moshe Friedman, Founder, KarmaTech</li> <li>▪ Pnina Radai, Director of Training Programs, National school of Government, CSC - Israel Civil Service</li> <li>▪ Dan Slijper, LGBT Activist</li> </ul> -at Spoons Salon
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

**Thursday, July 5, 2018**

7:30 AM	Breakfast on your own - at the hotel
8:00 AM	Depart
8:30-9:30 AM	<i>Start-Up Nation</i> Panel Discussion, moderated by Dr. Cameron Brown, with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jordana Cutler, Facebook</li> <li>▪ Dov Maisel, United HaTzalah</li> <li>▪ Dr. Oren Milstein, StemRad</li> <li>▪ Eliav Rodman, Orcam</li> </ul> - at Facebook Israel
9:30 AM	Depart
10:30-11:00 AM	<i>Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns</i> Briefing at Alfei Menashe
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	<i>Israeli Settlements in Focus</i> Briefing with Oded Ravivi, Mayor of Efrat Yariv Oppenheimer, immediate past head, Peace Now -at Alfei Menashe Matnas

12:00-1:30 PM	<p>Depart</p> <p>En route briefings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>The Jezreel Valley – The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Upper Galilee – Potential for Development</i></li> </ul>
1:30-3:00 PM	<p><i>Minority Rights in Israel</i></p> <p>Lunch with Mohammad Darwashe Director of Planning, Equality and Shared Living Givat Haviva Educational Institute - at his home, Iqsal</p>
3:30 PM	Depart
4:30-5:30 PM	<p><i>Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah</i></p> <p>Briefing with Lt.-Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi Northern Border Expert - at Mt. Adir</p>
5:45 PM	Depart
6:30 PM	Check-in to the U Boutique Hotel
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00-10:00 PM	<p><i>Reflections of the Week</i></p> <p>Dinner and Discussion - at Decks</p>
10:00 PM	Overnight at U Boutique Hotel

**Friday, July 6, 2018**

7:30 AM	<p>Breakfast on own - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall</p>
8:30 AM	Depart
9:00-11:00 AM	<p><i>Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee</i></p> <p>Tour of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount</li> <li>▪ St. Peter's Church</li> <li>▪ Capernaum – Jesus' Village</li> </ul>

11:00 AM	Depart for the Golan Heights
12:00-1:00 PM	<i>Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria</i> Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria With Capt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman - at Kibbutz Ein Zivan
1:00 PM	Depart
1:15-2:30 PM	Lunch -at Habokrim
2:30-4:00 PM	Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley  En route briefings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Strategic Survey – Israel's Border with Jordan</i></li> <li>▪ <i>The Jordan Valley – Israel's Defensive Buffer Facing East</i></li> </ul>
4:00-4:30 PM	<i>Jordan Gateway Industrial Park</i> Visit to join development project between Israel and Jordan
4:30-5:30 PM	Continue to Jerusalem
5:30 PM	Check-in to the Orient Hotel
7:15 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30-9:30 PM	<i>Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem</i> Traditional Sabbath evening dinner With Naomi and Jonathan Schachter-Price - at their home in Jerusalem
9:30 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel

**Saturday, July 7, 2018**

8:00 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
8:30-10:00 AM	Depart  En route briefing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor</i></li> <li>▪ <i>The Dead Sea Region – Environmental Concerns</i></li> </ul>

10:00 AM-12:30 PM	<i>History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire</i> Guided tour of the National Archeological Park at Masada
12:30-1:30 PM	<i>Exploration of the Dead Sea Region</i> - at Kalya Beach
1:30-2:30 PM	Lunch - at Kalya Beach
2:30 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
4:00 PM	Return to hotel Check out
6:00-8:00 PM	<i>The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together</i> Closing dinner - at the hotel
8:00 PM	Depart for the Airport
11:10 PM	Depart Tel Aviv

**Sunday, July 8, 2018**

4:10 AM	Arrive Newark
8:15 AM	Depart Newark (J.D. Grom only)
8:35 AM	Depart Newark
9:59 AM	Arrive Washington, D.C.
10:19 AM	Arrive Dayton, OH (J.D. Grom only)



## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):  
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Description of the trip:  
Please see attached
3. Dates of travel: June 30 - July 8, 2018
4. Place of travel: Israel (multiple cities)
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:  
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.  
– OR –  
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  
– AND –  
☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:  
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.  
– AND –  
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

n/a

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about

the U.S.-Israel relationship. The delegation will have the opportunity to meet with a diverse group of

Israelis and Palestinians, and see first-hand the outcome of U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation in the region.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

Please see attached



15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Please see attached

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$7,944.60	\$1,737	\$1,046	\$2,624.41
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts		Orient \$316 x 3 nights Sheraton \$289 x 2 nights Nof Ginosar \$211 x 1 night	JLM per diem \$140 x 4 days TLV per diem \$170 x 2 days TIB per diem \$146 x 1 day	breakdown attached

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

b) The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate Congressional staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Orient (Emek Refaim Street 3, Jerusalem); Sheraton (Hayarkon Street 115, Tel Aviv-Yafo);  
Nof Ginosar (Kibbutz Ginosar, Tiberias)

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

We chose these hotels due to their location and affordability.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The daily expenses for lodging and meals do not exceed the maximum per diem rates for official

Federal Government travel.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Participants will fly business class on a commercial airline.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

none

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:

Name and Title: Richard Fishman, Executive Director

Name of Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

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